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Members of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools Board of Education have approved a sinking fund millage question on the Nov. 8 ballot.

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Priest found guilty of raping 7-year-old

Father Joseph "Jack" Baker, 60, has been convicted of sexually assaulting a 7-year-old boy in 2004 while he was serving as the priest at St. Mary Parish in Wayne. Baker became the pastor of St. Mary Parish in Wayne in 1997 and held that position until 2008. During that time, Baker was also an administrator at Kevin and Norbert Parish in Inkster from 2003-2004 and Holy Family Parish in Inkster from 2003-2008.

Prosecutors alleged that Baker raped the boy in a church sacristy when the child was a second-grade student. Baker was found guilty of first-degree sexual conduct including sexual penetration with a person under 13 in Wayne County Circuit Court last Thursday by a Wayne County jury before Judge Bridget Hathaway. The victim, now 26, testified that he didn't tell anyone about the incident at the time because Baker told him afterward that the sexual assault was "his own sin."

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Baker is facing a minimum sentence of 25 years in prison and will remain in custody in the Wayne County Jail until his sentencing hearing, scheduled for Nov. 5. State law required the revocation of his bail due to the age of the victim at the time of the incident. His attorney, Patrick Bagley, indicated that Baker would appeal the verdict.

Baker had been a pastor at St. Perpetua Parish in Waterford since 2008. He was also an administrator at St. Benedict Parish in Waterford Township in 2011. Baker studied at Michigan Technological University and Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. He was ordained in 1993.

He was the associate pastor of St. Hugo of the Hills Parish in Bloomfield Hills from 1993-1996 and of Sacred Heart Parish in Dearborn from 1996-1997.

Baker was also the campus minister at the Wayne State Medical School Campus Ministry from 1996-1997.

"I want victims of abuse to know they have an advocate in the Attorney General's office," said Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel, who charged Baker in 2019.

"We are committed to ensuring that every case of sexual abuse and assault is thoroughly reviewed and that whenever we are able to pursue justice for a victim, we do so aggressively and relentlessly.

"We must all commit to breaking down the walls of silence that so often surround sexual assault and abuse. Today's verdict is long-awaited justice," Nessel said in a prepared statement.

Father Joseph "Jack" Baker

The charge came after Nessel's office received a tip from the Archdiocese of Detroit, which received the original report and immediately reported it to Nessel's clergy abuse office.

The Archdiocese said there would be no comment on the issue until the case is "fully resolved."

'Reel' deal

Local filmmaker seeks funding for feature film

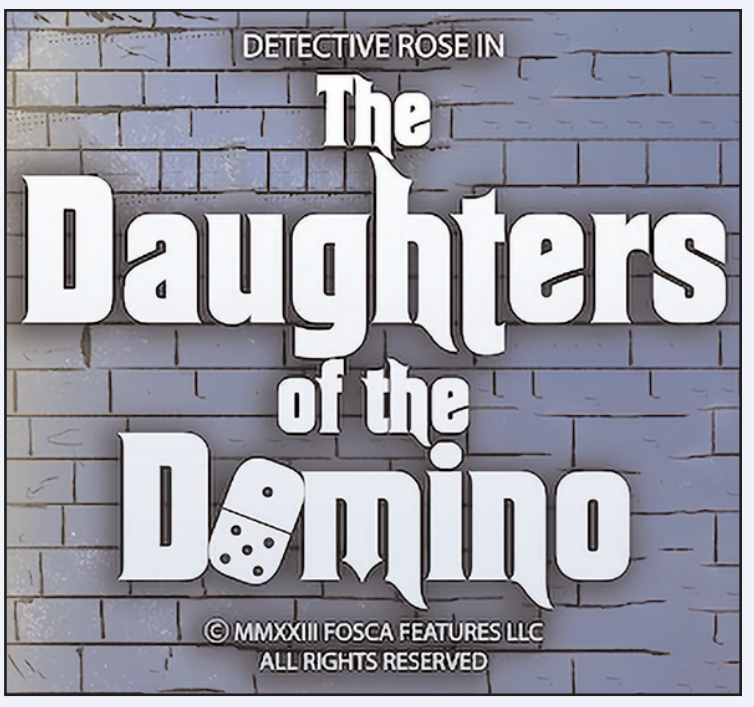
Anyone who has ever wanted to be in the movie business now has the chance to help support a feature-length film set to begin shooting in March.

Lifelong Romulus resident Jesse McAnally, who has already completed more than 10 short films and won more than 30 awards for his work, is looking for help funding his latest project - his first feature-length film. His campaign to help finance his latest project is now active on Kickstarter and will be available until Nov. 4, he said. Kickstarter works by having the public pledge money toward the goal, but credit cards will only be charged once (and if) the campaign goal is reached. There are various rewards and extra add-ons "backers" can choose for different donation levels. Supporters might be able to get stickers or buttons, their name in the credits, access to behind-the-scenes photos and videos, or even receive a prop used in the film, McAnally explained.

Jesse McAnally

"A feature film is longer and more complex than the short films I have made thus far," McAnally said. "The goal is to raise at least $20,000 in order to start production this coming March."

The film, The Daughters of the Domino, follows Nina Rose, a detective who became an overnight sensation for arresting her serial killer father, "The Domino". Years later, Nina's relationship with her combative sister Laura has never recovered. Now a new killer is in town and Laura's daughter is missing. The sisters must work together, leading to a confrontation with their past.



McAnally, who graduated from Romulus High School in 2014, earned a bachelor's degree in media arts from Wayne State University and produces promotional videos and event photography as well as his short films. He created a documentary film, Romulus and Me, in 2018.

All McAnally's film productions to date prominently feature the City of Romulus and the historic Bird House in the community is a location in nearly every one of McAnally's film projects. His film, After Ashes, featured aspects of the historic home and was honored with the Detroit Trinity International Film Festival award for Best Short Film and the Adrian International Film Festival award for Best Student Film. His connection to the community is deep and he has a long family history in the city. His grandmother, Beverly McAnally, was the first woman ever elected to the Romulus City Council and she also served as the first woman mayor of the city from 1983 until 1995.

To learn more about his campaign or make a donation, visit daughtersofthedomino.com or email McAnally at foscafeatures@gmail.com.

Write on

The first Plymouth-Canton Bookfest at Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex last week was a tremendous success as hundreds of avid readers visited to shop and listened to some of their favorite authors. More than 100 vendors were on site and authors including Mia Odeh, author of "Mia's Odyssey," Bill Morrison, legendary artist, author, and integral part of 'The Simpsons' franchise, Mark Clague, author of "O Say Can You Hear? A cultural biography of The Star- Spangled Banner," Ken Fischer, author of "Everybody In, Nobody Out. Inspiring Community at Michigan's University Musical Society" spoke to the crowds. The event was sponsored by Community Financial and the Plymouth Rotary Club.

Sumpter

Candidate's explicit phone call is posted online

An obscenity-laden recording of a phone call made to Sumpter Township Supervisor Tim Bowman by a current candidate for treasurer has been posted on public websites.

The call, made to Bowman by Sheena Barnes, the democratic candidate for treasurer, contains highly explicit, vulgar language including multiple racial epithets. In the recording, Barnes also physically threatens Bowman and his family members. In light of the incendiary language and emotionally charged content of the recording, Bowman referred the call to the Sumpter Police Department for investigation and possible criminal action, citing harassment and intimidation along with the overt physical threat. At last report, the findings in the police investigation and interview with Barnes regarding the content of the recording had been referred to another agency for review.

Barnes, 62, is opposed by 26-year township resident Bart Patterson, a republican. Patterson denied any involvement in the posting of the contentious recording. He said that while he had heard about the phone call to Bowman, he had never heard the entire recording.

A disclaimer on the site notes that no candidate or group authorized or approved the posting of the recording.

Barnes published criticism of current treasurer Vincent Warren falsely claiming that he has not provided reports during township board of trustee meetings has also been challenged by township officials. Warren and his staff have significantly reduced the delinquencies in water department payments during his time in office and that achievement has been reported and discussed during public meetings, they noted. Warren was appointed in June of 2021 to fill the incomplete term following the death of Treasurer James Clark.

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Other township officials disputed Barnes' published claims of misspending, citing a recent independent financial audit of township finances performed by Rana Emmons, a CPA with Post, Smythe Lutz and Zeal. During her report to the board members in August, Emmons told the trustees that the audit was "unmodified" meaning the report was an accurate audit of revenue and expenditures for the fiscal year ending March 31. The auditor gave the township "top marks" for financial management.

Barnes is facing other questions regarding permits and licenses for her food business which she operates from her Sumpter Road property. According to documents provided through a Freedom of Information Act request, both Wayne and Washtenaw Health Department inspectors have found health violations at her business. Requests for further information regarding the violations and Barnes' current food handling licensing were not available at press time. The business was also in violation of Sumpter Township ordinances requiring a business permit at the time of Barnes' phone call to Bowman.

Bowman said he suspected Barnes' call may have been in response to a notice requiring compliance sent to all township businesses without proper permits. He denied that Barnes had been in any way singled out for the compliance notice.

Barnes has operated the business for 35 years and is a graduate of Airport High School and has attended Wayne County Community College. She is a member of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts, Southwestern Democratic Club, and Belleville Lake Fest. Previously, she has unsuccessfully sought election to terms as a trustee and as township clerk although she was appointed and served a partial term on the board of trustees. She said she is seeking office to "to make a difference to the stagnated board of trustees and be the eyes and ears and voice of the people."

Patterson has owned his own construction and remodeling business for 30 years and previously sought election to the board as clerk and as a trustee in the early 2000s. He said he is active with his church where he is involved with the children's ministry and is a CPR/First Aid/AED instructor for the Red Cross. He said his goal as treasurer would be to ensure the continued fiscal responsibility in the township while providing "excellent services, recreational opportunities, and improved standard of living." He added that another priority is "funding for the current and future needs of the public safety department."

The two are competing for a partial term which will end in November of 2023.

Chorus rehearsals continue

Rehearsals are now under way for the Belleville Community Chorus winter concert, Joy-Hope-Love, set for Dec. 11 at First United Methodist Church.

The group welcomes singers from 16 through 96 to join the chorus, whether new voclaists or veterans who have sung with the members in the past. Soprano, alto, tenor, bass or undetermined, the chorus, under the direction of Mary Loring, is open to all who love music and singing, a spokesman said. To join, arrive at the church a few minutes before 7 p.m. any Monday and expect a warm welcome, he added.

Non singers interested in helping coordinate the organization or work behind the scenes are also welcome, he added.

The award-winning chorus is a non-profit organization of volunteers who love to sing. The chorus performs a variety of choral music for the enrichment, education and enjoyment of members and audiences in surrounding communities.

First United Methodist Church is located at 417 Charles St. in Belleville. For more information, contact Mary Larivee, (313) 310-2614 or Claudia Roullier at (734) 697-8235.

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INVITATION TO BID
SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SUMPTER TOWNSHIP HALL

The Township of Sumpter is accepting sealed bids for
DUCT CLEANING SERVICE
in Sumpter Township, Wayne County, Michigan

Sumpter Township will only entertain sealed bids submitted on or before;

Friday, October 28th, 2022
2:00 pm

Sealed bids will be received by:

The Clerk's Office
Sumpter Township
23480 Sumpter Rd.
Belleville, MI 48111

Bids shall be publicly opened and read on:

Friday, October 28th, 2022
3:00 pm
Sumpter Township Board Room
23480 Sumpter Rd.
Belleville, MI 48111

Bids are directed to make an appointment with; The Clerk's Office, (734) 461-6201, between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, to view the HVAC Systems and supply/ductwork for the units to base their specifications and bids on. Bidder must be NADCA Certified, possess an HVAC License and be a registered vendor with Sumpter Township. Bidder must also produce a W-9 and Certificate of Liability.

Please call Sumpter Township, Clerk's Office at (734) 461-6201 if you require additional information.
Township of Sumpter
Esther Hurst, Clerk

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CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID
ITB 22/23-07 THREE YEAR EMERGENCY
AND AS NEEDED WATER & SEWER REPAIRS
ITB 22/23-09 THREE YEAR CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR
EMERGENCY ON CALL & AS NEEDED ELECTRICAL SERVICES
ITB 22/23-10 TWO YEAR CONTRACTUAL SERVICES CONTRACT
- DUST CONTROL PROGRAM CITY STREETS & PARKS
ITB 22/23-11 2023 & 2024 OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified companies for the above services.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid must use the forms provided by the City. Official bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct (http://www.mitn.info/). Bids may be rejected unless made on the forms included with the bidding documents. Copies of documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies.

(2) Clarifications, modifications, or amendments may be made to this solicitation at the discretion of the City. Any and all addenda issued by the City will be posted on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct. All interested parties are instructed to view the MITN website regularly for any issued addenda. It is the responsibility of the bidder to obtain all issued addenda and acknowledge receipt of said addenda by including a printed copy of each addendum as part of the required documents for this solicitation and to list the addendum and sign and date the "Acknowledgment of Receipt Addenda Form: supplied in the bid documents.

(3) A total of two copies (one marked "Original" and one marked "Copy") of the bid must be submitted together in one sealed package/envelope and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, November 22, 2022. Bids should be addressed using the bid package label provided in the solicitation documents or submitted electronically on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct.

(4) At approximately 3:00 p.m., local time, November 22, 2022, all timely received bids will be publically opened and read.

(5) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in bids received and to award the bid in whole or in part. Ultimately, a contract may be awarded to the lowest most responsive and responsible company, as determined in the sole discretion of the City of Romulus or otherwise in a manner deemed by the City to be in its own best interest.

(6) The successful Bidder will be required to submit proof of all bonds and insurance required by the solicitation documents and copies of all required endorsements.

(7) For additional information contact Gary Harris, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing Purchasing@romulusgov.com .

(8) The City of Romulus strictly prohibits the reproduction or publishing of any published document or solicitation without the express written consent of the City of Romulus. Unauthorized posting of any notice of these documents or reference to said documents or solicitations is strictly prohibited.

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59. Auctions

On Thursday, November 1, 2022 @ 1PM Frazier's Auto Service Towing located at 35830 Van Born Rd Wayne, MI 48184 will conduct a public auction of Impounded and Abandoned Vehicles. The following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

DODGE RAM
3B7HF13Z9TG106349
FORD FIESTA
3FADP4EJ5CM137478
DODGE RAM1500
1D7HA18D83S301563
CHEVROLET MALIBU
1G1ZB5EB9A4115191
FORD FOCUS
1FADP3J28GL314346
FORD ESCAPE
1FMCU9GD8KUA77396
SATURN RELAY
5GZDX23185D194757
CHEVROLET CRUZE
1G1PF5SC6C7286605
TAO TAO 125CC
L9NYGJGG0M10000037
DODGE RAM 1500
1D7HU18N46S531301
MAZDA B2300
4F4CR12A2VTM31497
CHEVROLET SONIC
1G1JC5SH0G4141867
DODGE JOURNEY
3D4PG4FBXAT100222
FORD ECONOLINE
1FDRE14W52HB11477
CHEVROLET MALIBU
1G1ZT53F16F260255
TAOTAO HURAGAN
L9NTEACX1G1501062
CHEVROLET CRUZE
1G1PC5SB7F7141464
INFINITI QX4
JNRDR07Y11W109732
CHEVROLET MALIBU
1G1ZC5E17BF245948
DODGE CHALLENGER
2C3DZAG9GH283364
MAZDA MPV
JM3LW28J440514550
LINCOLN LS
1LAHM87A81Y731729
DODGE AVENGER
1B3CC4FB0AN1302391
CHRYSLER 300
2C3KA53G46H499101
PONTIAC G. PRIX
1G2WP52K6YF223481
FORD FUSION
3FA6P0HD1LR110563

The above vehicles are impounded through the cities of Romulus and Wayne. All paperwork is to picked up from the city within 48 hours of the sale.

All vehicle are sold in "as is condition". Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction. This is a cash only sale and all vehicles must be paid in full at the time of the conclusion of the auction.

On Wednesday, October 26th, 2022 at 11: 30 am, Great Lakes Towing Impound and Recovery Division located at 42350 Van Born Rd, Belleville, Mi, County of Wayne, will conduct a public auction of Impounded and Abandoned vehicles. The following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2008 Saturn
3GSCL53738S669530
2008 Dodge
1B3HB28B88D595636
2012 Buick
1G4PP5SK0C4192065
2009 Chevrolet
1G1AT18H297193678
2009 Chevrolet
2G1WB57K691326582
2005 Pontiac
3G7DA03E05S543384
2006 Ford
1FAFP231X6G173553
2003 Ford
1FMYU02193KA06638
2006 Chevrolet
1GND513S162237616
The above vehicles are impounded through the City of Westland Police Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the City of Westland Police Department within 48 hours of the sale.

2012 Chevrolet
1G1JC6SH1C4170651
2007 Ford
1FMEU73E07UB42938
The above vehicles are impounded through the Garden City Police Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the Garden City Police Department within 48 hours of the sale.

2005 Volkswagen
3VWCM31Y35M363854
2012 Volkswagen
1VWBN7A31CC093056

The above vehicles are impounded through the City of Dearborn Police Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the City of Dearborn Police Department within 48 hours of

All Vehicles are sold in "as is condition". Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction. This is a cash only sale and all vehicles must be paid in full at the conclusion of the auction.

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INKSTER -ROMULUS

Area mourns death of activist Leanna Hicks

One of the most revered former residents of the Inkster community, Leanna Hicks, died Oct. 9 at the age of 102 in Westland.

The Inkster Public Library is named for Mrs. Hicks, a former journalist, community worker, youth director, historian, library activist and humanitarian. Mrs. Hicks spent more than half a century involved in the improvement of local libraries and the preservation of local history. Through her more than four decades of service of the Inkster Historical Commission, she oversaw hundreds of acquisitions and improvements in the Inkster library and historical collections. She was the founder of The Friends of the Inkster Library, a decades-old Inkster library support group. She also served with the Wayne County Federation Library and the Wayne County Library Commission during her storied career.

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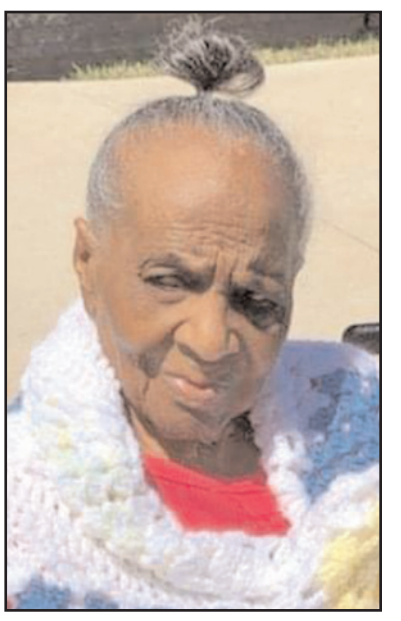
Mrs. Hicks earned a degree in journalism and social science from Eastern Michigan University and Wayne State University. She received countless humanitarian awards from institutions such as the YWCA, Girl Scouts of America, Veterans groups, NAACP, Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, City of Inkster Parks and Recreation and Inkster Christians in Action, among many others. She also received numerous national, state and county tributes and awards along with the many honors she received from the City of Inkster. Among those was the designation of the Leanna Hicks Public Library in Inkster, first opened in September 1960. A new library building on Hamlin Street was dedicated to Mrs. Hicks in 2020.

Mrs. Hicks was actively involved in the Springhill Missionary Baptist Church in Inkster for more than 50 years.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home in Westland.



Mrs. Leanna Hicks

Nominations sought for Romulus Person of Year

The 36th Person of the Year will be named in Romulus next spring.

Nominations for the honor will be accepted by the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce until Dec. 8 by mail, email, in person or online. No nominations postmarked or received after Dec. 8 will be considered for the honor.

The criteria for the nominees are individuals that have made significant contributions to Romulus and residents of the community. Nominations should include a biographical synopsis stating reasons the nominee should be honored as the Person of the Year. The award presentation ceremony will take place in spring, 2023, chamber officials said.

An online nomination form is available at admin@romuluschamber.org. Completed forms can be mailed to the chamber office at 11189 Shook Road, Suite 200, Romulus, MI 48174. Additional nomination forms are also available at the chamber office.

Nominations are open to the public although the nominator must submit a contact telephone number or email address. Nominees do not have to be a resident of Romulus but must meet the criteria of having made a significant contribution to the city.

Nominations will be reviewed by a committee chosen by the members of the Romulus Chamber of Commerce.

Dig in

Volunteers needed to help plant 15 trees this Saturday

Again this year, Romulus residents are invited to make a difference in the community that can last decades.

This Saturday morning, from 8:45 a.m. until noon, volunteers are needed to help plant 15 trees in Romulus. ReLeaf Michigan, a non-profit tree organization, is partnering with the city to help plant the trees. Funding this year is being provided by the DTE Foundation. ReLeaf Michigan is the only statewide tree planting non-profit organization in the state, working with communities and organizations throughout Michigan to protect and restore urban tree canopies. The ReLeaf mission is to educate the public on the value of trees and how to properly select, plant, and maintain them.

Founded by some of the most respected arborists in the state and building on lifetimes of green expertise, ReLeaf Michigan has worked with over 400 communities across the state. Working with community volunteers, the group has planted nearly 30,000 trees on public property in Michigan cities, townships, and villages. Unlike most other volunteer-driven tree planting organizations, ReLeaf Michigan plants trees that are already substantial in size resulting in much higher rates of survival and a more immediate environmental impact.

This planting will take place at the historic Peter Bird House in the city. The historic home is located at 12112 Wayne Road. ReLeaf Michigan tree experts will help volunteers and oversee the event. Families are welcome, organizers said.

Volunteers should war closed-toe shoes and comfortable clothing and come prepared to get dirty. Bring a shovel, organizers said, or a hard rake and gloves, if possible. The event will take place rain or shine and light refreshments will be served.

No planting experience is necessary, the ReLeaf spokesman noted.

Romulus volunteers participate in the ReLeaf tree planting every year in the city.

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Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 9, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

Meeting called to order by Supervisor T. Bowman at 7:21 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Warren, Trustees: LaPorte, Oddy and Rush. Trustee Morgan excused. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Armatis, Finance Director Holtz, Public Safety Director/Police Chief Luke, Fire Chief Brown, DPW Director Danci and 8 attendees.

3. Agenda: Motion by Bowman, supported by Oddy to approve the Agenda with the following addition:
Amend: Add Item C. Consider approval of township hall bathroom renovations and septic not to exceed $144,341.90 plus a 5% contingency fee.
Roll Call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment/Open Floor: Three (3) attendees spoke.

5. Minutes: Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve/accept the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 26, 2022. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve warrants totaling $186,186.68. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7. Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Bowman requested a motion to approve the fence/gate bid for the arena area from Davenport Brothers. Motion by Rush, supported by Hurst to approve the fence/gate bid from Davenport Brothers and to accept the Supervisor's report. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

8,10,11,12. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to receive and file all reports. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

9. Police Report: Public Safety Director Luke thanked all residents for their overwhelming support in the millage election. The siren is down on Sherwood and Arkona due to a possible lightening strike and Wayne County prisoner Bailey died. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to accept the police department report. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

13.Board Response: Trustee LaPorte thanked all the election workers and the Clerk's office for their work on the August 2, 2022 primary election. LaPorte also stated that help would be needed for the November 8, 2022 election.

14.New Business:

A. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to approve and accept the resignation of probationary police officer Jeff Benedict, effective 7/14/2022 **with regrets***. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
B. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve the 1st quarter budget amendments. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
C. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve the township hall bathroom renovations and septic field not to exceed $144,341.90 plus a 5% contingency fee. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

15.Announcements: None.

16.Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Motion carried.

* **Corrected**

Minutes prepared by:
Deputy Clerk K. Armatis
Sumpter Township

_____ _____
Esther Hurst, Clerk Date

_____ _____
Timothy Bowman, Supervisor Date

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Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 23, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

Meeting called to order by Supervisor T. Bowman at 6:44 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Warren, Trustees: LaPorte, Morgan, Oddy and Rush. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Armatis, Finance Director Holtz, Public Safety Director/Police Chief Luke, Fire Chief Brown, DPW Director Danci and 11 attendees.

3. Agenda: Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to approve the Agenda with the following additions:
Add to Item C "with attorney review of contract recurring fee".
Add Item I. "Consider approval to name Township Manager Anthony Burdick as Parks Administrator".
Move Item H to beginning of Agenda.
Roll Call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None Motion carried.

4. Public Comment: Three (3) attendees spoke.

5. Minutes: Motion by Bowman, supported by Rush to approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 9, 2022 with correction of Item 14A: add with regrets. Roll call vote: Yes: Bowman, Hurst, Warren, Oddy, LaPorte and Rush. Nay: Morgan. Motion carried.

Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to add Item J "Consider re-confirmation of Davenport Brothers bid for fence/gate at Sumpter fairgrounds". Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion to approve planning commission meeting minutes of June 23, 2022. Roll call vote: Yes. All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to approve warrants totaling $139,489.15. roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7-11. Reports. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Warren to receive and file all reports. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

12. Board Response: Rush thanked public safety departments for their quick response to a house explosion.

New Business:

A. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to hire Nelson Hammons as a full-time police officer, contingent upon him passing a drug test in addition to the required physical and psychological examinations. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

H. Motion by Rush, supported by Warren to approve the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022 Audited Financial Statements, as submitted by PSLZ, LLP. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to accept the quote from West Shore Services for repair of emergency siren #9 (Sherwood at Arkona) at a cost of $3,760.00. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to have UIS install communication equipment at the Martinsville Road pump station at the cost of $9,325.00 with the township attorney review of contract recurring fee. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Morgan, supported by Rush for the re-appointment of Richard Pokerwinski to the planning commission with term to expire 07/23/2025. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Oddy, supported by Morgan to move Dan Watson from alternate position to regular position on the planning commission. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to direct the Township Supervisor, Attorney and Manager to begin assessment and design planning for the Banotai Park & Sherwood Pond reclamation & improvements process and entertain design bids for Township Board consideration. Roll call vote: Yes: Bowman, Hurst, Warren, LaPorte, Oddy and Rush. Nay: Morgan. Motion carried

G. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte for approval of Wade Hoppe Design proposal and agreement to prepare a design and master plan for the new Sumpter Township fairgrounds and each of (4) associated designs as identified for a total of $11,500.00, with Township Attorney review of agreement. Roll call vote: Yes: Bowman, Hurst, Warren, LaPorte, Oddy and Rush. Nay: Morgan. Motion carried.

H. Moved up.

I. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to name Town Manager Anthony Burdick as Sumpter Township Parks administrator. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

J. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to re-confirm The Davenport Brothers fence/gate bid for the Sumpter Township Fairgrounds. Roll call vote: Yes: Bowman, Hurst, Warren, LaPorte, Oddy and Rush. Nay: Morgan. Motion carried.

14. Announcements: Clerk Hurst announced a vendor market will be held on September 10, 2022 under the fairgrounds pavilion from 9:00 am-4:00 pm. If interested call Maryann Watson at 461-9373.

15. Motion by Rush, supported by Morgan to adjourn at 7:31 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by:
Deputy Clerk K. Armatis
Sumpter Township

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Esther Hurst, Clerk Date

_____ _____
Timothy Bowman, Supervisor Date

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Canton

Historical society seeks new board members

The Canton Historical Society, a volunteer organization dedicated to the preservation of local historical information and resources in the township, currently has four board positions open.

Letters of interest in joining the group and serving on the board are now being accepted from township residents seeking to learn more about history, meeting other history buffs, or helping preserve the rich past of the community. The Canton Historical Society offers valuable opportunities for individuals interested in helping keep the history of Canton alive, organizers said. Once appointed, these volunteer board members will begin a three-year term starting in 2023.

"The Canton Historical Society looks forward to welcoming new board members to help safeguard Canton's historical identity and build on all of the educational and preservation successes that our organization has achieved to date," said Bill Tesen, Canton Historical Society president. "It's important to integrate fresh ideas and perspective to help effectively retain Canton's rich past for future generations to come."

Canton Historical Society board members will help with the preservation of artifacts, relics, documents and historic sites. The society will provide historical education to members and the public through educational, cultural and social programs and projects.

Interested individuals should forward a letter of interest to btesen@wowway.com. For more information, visit www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org.

Halloween fun
Canton plans 2 events for kids

Canton Township is ready for Halloween with several activities to help even the youngest members of the family celebrate the season.

The Canton Township Trick or Treat Story Trail returns Thursday, Oct. 27 as staff members from Canton Leisure Services, the Canton Public Library, and Canton Public Safety distribute candy along story trail in Heritage Park for from 4-9 p.m. Participants of all ages will enjoy the featured story. Pre-registration is required for all children regardless of age. Fees are $10 per child for Canton residents and $13 for non-residents. For additional information or to register, visit www.cantonfun.org/register.

The Village Arts Factory, in partnership with Canton Leisure Services, will offer a Kids Halloween Stroll at the Village Arts Factory from 5 until 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29 with games, music, treats, decorations, and costumes. In addition, a sensory-friendly timeslot will take place from 5-6 p.m. Trick or treaters will travel from studio to studio on their stroll visiting interactive stations located throughout the warehouse building, located at 50755 Cherry Hill Road. This event is geared toward younger trick or treaters ages 12 and under, with non-frightening seasonal music and decorations. All participants are encouraged to wear costumes. Pre-registration is required. Tickets are $5 and are available online at www.cantonfun.org.

Participants wear their Halloween costumes during a previous Trick or Treat Story Trail organized by the Canton Leisure Services and Canton Public Library.

Tickets for these spooktacular events are available at www.cantonfun.org/register. For additional information, visit www.cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5460.

Mental health workshops are set

Canton Township Leisure Services is currently offering a free series of mental health workshops to help area residents learn important self-care skills. Participants in the Family First and Social Services Workshops will receive information and be introduced to practices that support mental well-being, according to Laura Mortier, Canton recreation supervisor.

> *All sessions will take place at the Summit on the Park Banquet Center.*

"Our goal with these free workshops is to offer resources, as well as educational opportunities, so that individuals can find tools of support for themselves or ways to help support others," said Mortier. "These unique opportunities are designed to show and help participants learn how to nurture themselves and develop mindful self-care plans on a variety of topics."

These workshops are free and open to everyone meeting the age limit, with no residency requirement. All sessions will take place at the Summit on the Park Banquet Center, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

Scheduled workshops include: Post-Traumatic Growth: Tuesday, Nov. 1 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. (Ages 16 and up); Navigating the Mental Healthcare System: Monday, Dec. 5 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. (Ages 16 and up); Suicide TALK: Tuesday, Jan. 17 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. (Ages 16 and up); QPR Training for Suicide Prevention: Tuesday, Jan. 24 from 6-8 p.m. (Ages 16 and up) and Understanding and Supporting Change: Monday, Feb. 6 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

For additional information and to register for these and other free workshops, visit www.cantonfun.org/register or call (734) 394-5460.

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Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 13, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

Meeting called to order by Supervisor T. Bowman at 7:20 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Warren, Trustees: LaPorte, Oddy and Rush. Trustee Rush and Clerk Hurst excused. Also showing present: Township Manager Burdick, Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Armatis, Public Safety Director/Police Chief Luke, Fire Chief Brown, DPW Director Danci and 9 attendees.

3. Agenda: Motion by Bowman, supported by Oddy to approve the Agenda with the following amendments:
Amend: Change warrant amount to $289,320.75.
Amend: Item G to delete partial sentence beginning with Pursuant
Amend: Table Item I.
Roll Call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment/Open Floor: Three (3) attendees spoke.

5. Minutes: Motion by Oddy, supported by Morgan to approve/accept the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 23, 2022; ZBA Meeting minutes of March 30, 2022; Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2022 and Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2022. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by LaPorte, supported by Morgan to approve warrants totaling $289,320.75. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7,8,9,10,11,12. Motion by Oddy, supported by Bowman to receive and file all reports. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

13.Board Response: Trustee Morgan questioned sign ordinance. Chief Luke responded.

14.New Business:

A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Morgan to approve the resignation of firefighter Laura Bratby, effective November 24, 2019. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
B. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve Jeffery Benedict final payout of $1,516.02. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
C. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve the Township Manager the curtesy of submitting agenda items directly to the board table for consideration, effective immediately. Roll call vote: Yes: Bowman, Warren, Oddy, Laporte. Nay: Morgan. Motion carried.
D. Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy to begin posting Quarterly financial summaries to the township web site on the agenda & minute page, effective 3rd quarter, October 2022. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
E. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to dedicate the workshop scheduled on October 11, 2022 to the first stage of the Sumpter Township strategic planning initiative. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
F. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to appoint Treasurer Vincent Warren as the Board Development Project Liaison, working with the Township Manager, for the Sumpter Township Fairgrounds and initial study of Banotai Park Reclamation and Improvements projects, Morgan motion for amendment of end date of November 20, 2022, Not supported. Roll call vote on original motion: Yes: Bowman, Oddy, Warren, LaPorte. Nay: Morgan. Motion carried.
G. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to immediately recognize the current Parks & Recreation Commission as the Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Committee. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
H. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to accept purchase offer of $92,000.00 from
M. Gutierrez-Vasquez, for the property identified as Wear Rd., parcel #81-080-99- 0016-000, 9.75 acr4es, with a planned closing date of 10/31/2022 with addendum by attorney. Roll call vote: Yes: Bowman, Warren, Oddy, LaPorte. Nay: Morgan. Motion carried.
I. Tabled.
J. Motion by Morgan, supported by LaPorte to post a "Posting of Interest" for exploration of Hybrid Role Assignments, posting effective September 14th h=thru the 28th, 2022 and to advise AFSCME of the activity. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

15.Announcements: Pleasure seeing former Clerk Joan Oddy at the meeting.

16.Motion by LaPorte, supported by Warren to adjourn at 7:51 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by:
Deputy Clerk K. Armatis
Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk Date

Timothy Bowman, Supervisor Date

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Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 26, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

Meeting called to order by Supervisor T. Bowman at 6:11 pm. Roll call: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Rush, Oddy, LaPorte and Morgan. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Burdick, Finance Director Holtz, Public Safety Director/ Chief of Police Luke, Fire Chief Brown and 9 attendees.

3. Agenda: Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve the Agenda;
Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Rush, Oddy, Morgan and LaPorte Nay: None. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment/Open Floor: Two (2) Attendees spoke.

5. Minutes:
A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Warren to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 12, 2022. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Rush, Oddy, Morgan and LaPorte Nay: None. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 12, 2022. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Rush, Oddy, Morgan and LaPorte Nay: None. Motion carried.

6. Warrants:
Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the warrants totaling $145,897.76. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Rush, Oddy, Morgan and LaPorte. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7. Parks & Recreation/Chambers Report - Rush:
- Nice job on the improvements to the Parks & Recreation Building
- Trustee Rush discussed the planned August 27, 2022 Back to School joint event by Community Outreach & Holiday West/Woods Home communities
- Food Fair & Folley, Saturday, 10am to 6pm, October 15th, 2022

Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the Parks & Recreation / Chambers Report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Rush, Oddy, Morgan and LaPorte Nay: None. Motion carried.

8. Water & Sewer Report - Warren:
- Thanks to the residents who've worked with the Treasurer's Office to reduce outstanding water billing debt
- Working with Sumpter Seniors & Veterans to assist with paying their water bills

Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush to approve the Water & Sewer Report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Rush, Oddy, Morgan and LaPorte Nay: None. Motion carried.

9. Treasurer's Report - Warren
- Tax Statements mailed to residents July 1st, 2022.
- Continue to work with residents on convenient, easy solutions to paying tax bills
- Treasurer Warren discussed the progress of the Investment Committee and on how to maximize returns and fiscally responsible handling of the resident's business

Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the Treasurer's Report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Rush, Oddy, Morgan and LaPorte Nay: None. Motion carried.

10.Planning & Zoning Report - Oddy
Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to receive & file the Planning & Zoning Report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Rush, Oddy, Morgan and LaPorte Nay: None. Motion carried.

11.Seniors Report - Hurst
- Wayne County Senior services Nutrition program serves hot lunch on Mondays and Tuesdays, lunch is served at 11:15am. Please call 734-461-1186 or 734-461- 9373 to RSVP for lunch.
- Come ride with us to a Detroit Tiger game at the end of August. For details, please call the Senior Center @ (734) 461-9373
- The Commodities Program distribution is on the third Thursday, from 9:00am to 11:00am Available to anyone participating in WIC, SNAP, FDPIR, CSFP, or a child receives free/reduced lunch meals at school.
- Check out the little house in the front of community center. Plenty of books, puzzles and plenty of food to share.

Motion by Rush, supported by Bowman to approve the Senior Report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Rush, Oddy, Morgan and LaPorte Nay: None. Motion carried.

12.Board Response:
- Trustee LaPorte suggested that the past few meetings went somewhat astray of properly addresses resident needs. He reminds that the Board and Township Employees are here for the people's business. An excellent example is the improvements and professional management of the Township Treasurer's Office and his staff.
- Trustee Oddy wanted to ensure that effort was made towards following up on the items and information that Mr. Haidous requested which would support infrastructure improvements and ARPA funds utilization.
- Trustee Oddy formally requests truth in reporting! Trustee Rush agreed.

13.New Business:
A. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to approve to accept, with regrets, the resignation of probationary firefighter Ronald Jeffries effective July 7, 2022. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Rush, Oddy and LaPorte Nay: Trustee Morgan. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Warren, supported by Rush to appointing Scott Holtz as the Officer Delegate to represent Sumpter Township at the 2022 MERS Annual Business Meeting. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Rush, Oddy, Morgan and LaPorte Nay: None. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the compensation of Karen Armatis as Deputy Clerk to be paid $26.41 per hour, effective August 3, 2022. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Rush, Oddy and LaPorte Nay: Trustee Morgan. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Rush, supported by Warren to approve to accept second highest bid and proposal of Mr. Roberto Sanchez for the property identified as Parcel # 82 81 108 99 0006 001 Martinsville Rd for the reconfirmed bid of $55,000.00. The original highest bidder withdrew from purchase consideration. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Rush, Oddy and LaPorte Nay: Trustee Morgan. Motion carried

E. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to approve for the newsletter committee to begin the process of gathering articles from all departments of Sumpter Township for the purpose of publishing the Fall/Winter 2022 Sumpter Township Newsletter to be published near the end of August, 2022. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Rush, Oddy, Morgan and LaPorte Nay: None. Motion carried.

14.Announcements:
- Election Workers are always needed and this year is no exception Please see the Clerk's Office for further information.
- The State Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2022.
- Township-wide Garage Sale is scheduled for Friday, August 26 through Sunday, August 28, 2022.

15.Adjournment; Motion by Rush, supported by Morgan to adjourn at 6:50 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by;
Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk
Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk Date

Timothy Bowman, Supervisor Date

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WAYNE - WESTLAND

3 city council seats on Wayne ballot Nov. 8

The Nov. 8 ballot in Wayne will ask voters to choose three city council members to serve 2-year terms.

One seat is available in Ward Six where Matthew Mulholland and incumbent Phillip Wagner each hope to garner voters' favor and win the ward seat at the city council table. In Ward Five, Eric Cleereman and Rabih Darwiche, both first-time candidates, are vying for the seat.

Deborah Wass is the lone candidate seeking election in Ward Four. Wass was appointed last year to serve a partial term on council. Wass previously served on the city planning commission and board of review.

Mulholland, 52, who served for three years as the city personnel director before resigning in 2014, also previously served on the council for four years. He is a life-long Wayne resident, and the Mulholland Department Store was originally founded by his grandfather.

Incumbent Wagner has served on the city council since 2018. He is the owner of a window treatment business.

Ward Five candidate Cleereman served on the city parks and trails committee and has served on the commission on aging. He is employed in project management. Also vying for the Ward Five term is Rabih Darwiche who is director of operations and peer recovery coach for the Safe Substance Abuse Coalition He also manages a gym.

Each of the two-year terms will expire in 2024 when the ward system in the city will be eliminated and candidates will be elected as representatives of the entire city. In 2024, voters will be asked to choose a mayor and six council representatives.

Inspire Theatre cast presents CLUE On Stage

The 18th season of Inspire Theatre in Westland will begin with the board game turned movie turned stage play - CLUE on Stage. Based on the iconic 1985 Paramount movie which was inspired by the classic Hasbro board game, CLUE is a farce-meets-murder mystery. The tale begins at a remote mansion as six mysterious guests assemble for an unusual dinner party, where murder and blackmail are on the menu. When their host finally turns up, and ends up dead, they all become suspects. Led by Wadsworth, the butler, the audiences will become re-acquainted with the physical embodiment of the iconic game pieces of Miss Scarlett, Professor Plum, Mrs. White, Mr. Green, Mrs. Peacock, and Colonel Mustard, who race to find the killer as the body count stacks up.

Having experienced issues from COVID in their last two shows (one show was postponed in April, while Guys and Dolls saw replacements in the cast), Director Len Fisher, of Wayne, and his staff decided to double cast CLUE.

"We've never done this before, so it's a new challenge every rehearsal. Preparing two separate casts for the performances is an adventure, to be sure. We're making it up as we go along," explained Fisher. "That's only one of the challenges this production presents."

Westland Center for the Arts is home to Inspire Theatre, a 90-seat theatre with a stage area of 784 square feet. Although Inspire is known for the imaginative use of space, the CLUE set calls for eight separate rooms represented on stage. "A couple of our workdays were spent just trying to visualize how it would all work," said Fisher. "To be honest, I think the cast had their doubts. But watching it come together is part of the fun."

Due to an overwhelming response, Inspire Theatre has added another weekend to accommodate the requests for tickets to see the production. Most of the performances are sold out, however, there are still tickets available. "With two distinct casts, this will be two completely different shows," added Fisher. "Same script, but with each cast giving their own flavor to their characters." Who did it? "I can't say. That would spoil the fun. However, it will be a surprise."

Tickets are $18 and can be purchased at http://inspiretheatre.ticketleap.com, or by calling the ticket office at (734) 751-7057. The show will continue weekends through Nov. 6, with performances at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and at 2 p.m. Sundays.

Jeannette Steinhauer as The Cook, Mark Phillips as The Motorist, and Katie Royston as The Singing Telegram Girl rehearse for their roles in the production of CLUE on Stage in Westland through Nov. 6.

School district asking voters for sinking millage

Members of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools Board of Education have approved a sinking fund millage question on the Nov. 8 ballot.

The 1-mill tax request is an effort to replace the current sinking fund levy which will expire next year. If approved by voters, the requested millage will become effective in 2014 and continue for a term of 10 years, according to ballot language.

Sinking funds can only be used to support school safety improvements, technology improvements and repair and construction of school buildings and facilities. New language in the state rules for use of a sinking fund millage now allows districts to use funds for security upgrades and technology upgrades or improvements.

The new sinking fund, a 1/10th of a mill increase, is anticipated to generate about $2.2 million annually. The current sinking fund generates about $1.8 annually and district officials are mindful of the need for the estimated $400,000 increase. Officials said the current sinking fund has paid for roofs, boilers and parking lots and other building infrastructure repairs.

A mill is $1 for every $1,000 of taxable value of a home, usually about half market value.

Chamber names director

Kiersten Beckwith has been named the new President/CEO of the Westland Chamber of Commerce.

Beckwith, who has been with the chamber only a few months, working in membership and marketing, according to Chamber of Commerce Board Chairman Don Nicholson. He said during her time with the organization she has proven to be a leader and an organizer who has surpassed the goals set for her. She brought 18 new members into the organization and she and the board members have ideas for member retention, he added.

Beckwith has also worked organizing chamber events, planning the 60th anniversary celebration of the group and took a leadership role during the last few months as the board members searched for a new director.

Kiersten Beckwith

Nicholson said one of Beckwith's first jobs would be to help find a replacement to fill her former position as marketing and membership director.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, November 3, 2022 for the following:

PURCHASE OF HIGH AVAILABILITY PALO ALTO FIREWALLS

Proposals may be downloaded on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@canton-mi.org. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Supervisor, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Supervisor, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL TECHNOLOGY CENTER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023
OCTOBER 26, 2022

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a **PUBLIC HEARING** will be held by the Michigan International Technology Center Redevelopment Authority (MITC) Board of Directors on **Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.** at Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Rd., Northville, MI 48168. The purpose of the hearing is to review and consider approval of the 2023 proposed operating budget.

All interested residents and taxpayers are invited to attend. Comments and questions concerning the proposed budget will be heard at the public hearing. A copy of the 2023 proposed budget will be available for public inspection at the Northville Township Clerk's office beginning October 19th between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and on the MITC website at www.mitc-usa.org.

Kurt Heise, MITC Chair/Plymouth Township Supervisor
Michigan International Technology Center Redevelopment Authority

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA
November 10, 2022

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals **THURSDAY, November 10, 2022 at 7:00 PM**. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188.

7:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:. John Badeen, Clarence Lee, Alan Okon, Mark Quimby, Aaron Tassell
Alternate: Gregory Demopoulos

Approval of Agenda
November 10, 2022

Approval of Minutes:
October 13, 2022

General Calendar:

1. Application 074-ZBA-7520. Applicant, Cherry Hill Village Homeowner's Association, DBA CHV II, for property located at 389-427 Filmore St., which is located on the south side of Filmore St. between the north side of Hancock St. and the west side of Roosevelt St. (Parcel ID 074-03-0000-000), Zoning is Cherry Hill Village Overlay District with underlying R-1, Single Family Residential district. Requesting variances from the following sections of the Zoning Ordinance: 1) Section 4.01(B)(4), Parking lot not accessed by aisle or driveway; 2) Section 4.01(D)(4), Parking backing onto street/alley; and 3) Section 6.03(A)(6), required 25' setback between residential and parking.

2. Application 074-ZBA-7567. Applicant, Cherry Hill Village Homeowner's Association, DBA CHV II, for property located at 268-318 Filmore St., which is located north of Filmore St., and west of Roosevelt St. (Parcel ID 074-03-0000-000), Zoning is Cherry Hill Village Overlay District with underlying R-1, Single Family Residential district. Requesting variances from the following sections of the Zoning Ordinance: 1) Section 4.01(B)(4), Parking lot not accessed by aisle or driveway; 2) Section 4.01(D)(4), Parking backing onto street/alley; and 3) Section 6.03(A)(6), required 25' setback between residential and parking.

3. Application 058-ZBA-7575. Applicant, AT&T Mobility for property located at 44505 Ford Rd. on the south side of Ford Rd., west of Sheldon Rd. (Parcel ID # 058-99-0001-016), Zoning is MRD, Mid-Rise Development in the Central Business District Overlay. Requesting a variance from the Zoning Ordinance Section 2.26, Screening of roof mounted mechanical units.

4. Application 057-ZBA-7581. Applicant, William E. Wisniewski for property located at 43608 Laurelwood Ct., located south of Ford Rd between Sheldon Rd. and Morton Taylor Rd. (Parcel ID 057-02-0124-000), Zoning is R-5, Single Family Residential. Requesting variances from the following sections of the Code of Ordinances: 1) Section 78-129 (h), Fence located in a front yard setback; and 2) Section 78-131(4)(b), Fence on a corner lot located in a front yard setback.

5. Applicant, Motor City Electric Utilities Co. for property located at 5390 Belleville Rd. on the west side of Belleville Rd. between Michigan Ave. and Van Born Rd. (Parcel IDs 132-01-0027-000, 132-01-0035-000, 132-01-0036-000, 132-01-0037-000, 132-01-0038-000, 132-01-0039-000, 132-01-0040-000, 132-01-0041-000, and 132-01-0035-000), Zoning LI, Light Industrial. Requesting variances from the following sections of the Zoning Ordinance: 1) Section 4.01(D)(5), paving requirements; 2) Section 26.04, outdoor storage setbacks; and 3) Section 22.03(A)(3) fencing requirement and outdoor storage setbacks.

Written comments need to be submitted prior to 4:00 PM on the date of the hearing. All written comments must be sent to the Charter Township of Canton. Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188, Phone 734-394-5120.

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Northville - Plymouth

Maybury Farm Corn Maze open until Oct. 30

Intrepid fall enthusiasts only have two more weekends to enjoy the Maybury Farm Corn Maze.

The 10-acre maze opened to the public earlier this month and will continue to entertain and bewilder visitors until Oct. 30. This year, advance tickets will be available for the maze although, as usual, reservations are not required.

Maybury officials said the maze this year promises to be one of the best with 10 acres of thick, lush corn that features a brand-new design created by the Ford IT Design Group. The design will present a challenge to adults and children both, a Maybury spokesman said, and will again this year include a scavenger hunt.

A 1-acre mini-maze, part of the 10-acre field, will take an estimated to 20 minutes to complete for those who are not brave enough for the larger challenge. Organizers said it will take about an hour to an hour and a half to complete the larger maze this year. For those looking for something even more challenging, the maze can be even more difficult under moonlight. For those brave enough, the maze will be open until 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturdays and until 7 p.m. on Sundays. The last wagon leaves for the maze about one hour before closing.

The maze is sponsored this year by Community Financial Credit Union, Blackwell Ford, and GEM Asset Management.

When visitors have found their way through the maze, they can visit the Maybury Farm General Store to enjoy fresh, delicious Parmenter's cider and donuts, along with other treats and gifts available for purchase.

The Maybury Farm Corn Maze is open from 5 until 8 p.m. Fridays; from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Saturdays and from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. Sundays. Admission to the corn maze is $13 per person and includes a tractor-drawn wagon ride to the maze, where visitors can enjoy the peace of the farm. Children younger than 2 are admitted at no cost. Maybury Farm is operated by the Northville Community Foundation; this fundraiser helps raise funds to feed the animals and support the work of the farm. The mission of Maybury Farm is to connect the community to animals and agriculture.

Maybury Farm is located at 50165 Eight Mile Road in Northville. It is 1-1/4 mile west of Beck Road on Eight Mile, one-half mile west of Maybury State Park. Enter at the Maybury Farm sign do not enter the state park. Parking is free at Maybury Farm. For more information, visit www.mayburyfarm.org.

Northville Foundation Holiday Home Tour returns

One of the most popular holiday season events will return to Northville this year. The traditional Holiday Home Tour organized by the Northville Community Foundation will return to a live format this year.

Five private homes, lavishly decorated for the holiday season, will be open to visitors from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Nov. 18 and 19. Tickets this year are priced at $25 if purchased in advance and $30 if purchased the day of the event.

Organizers stressed that participation in the tour supports animal care at Maybury Farm, along with grants to local non-profit groups and scholarships. All funds generated are used to support causes of the Maybury Community Foundation.

Advance tickets are now on sale at local Northville stores including Gardenviews and PearAphernalia, at the Northville Chamber of Commerce office or at Design DeJour. Tickets can also be purchased by phone at (248) 374-0200, ext. 1 or online through Brown Paper Tickets at northvillecommunityfoundation.org.

As usual, the ticket vouchers will be exchanged for a map and description of the display homes at Ward Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, the days of the event. Tickets can also be purchased at the church the days of the tours, for an additional cost.

For more information, call (248) 374-0200 or info@northvillecommunityfoundation.org.

Plymouth Pumpkin Palooza is set Sunday

The annual Pumpkin Palooza is planned from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. this Sunday, Oct. 23 throughout downtown Plymouth.

The downtown streets will be closed so that costumed trick or treaters can enjoy games, music, face painting and live entertainment celebrating the Halloween season. There will be a pet costume contest at 11:30 and a children's costume contest at 12:30 while entertainment is provided by Redline Percussion, Synergy Dance and Prelude Music at Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street.

The Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps will perform on the Forest Street stage near Wing Street at 11:45 a.m. and again at 2 p.m. Ventriloquist Richard Paul will be onstage at 12:15. Magician Gary Thison is scheduled to entertain at 1:15 p.m. and strolling juggler Jonathan Haglund and pumpkin carver John Bradshaw will also amuse crowds. Birds of Prey will bring some feathered friends to the event and the Kensington Metropark Mobile Learning Center will have people on site. Balloon artistry will be performed by Gracie the Clown while face painting and Uncle Sam entertain.

Public safety vehicles including a fire truck and ambulance will be on site for close up inspection by young visitors, too, organizers said.